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REMARKS

Claims 1-5 and 7-12 are allowed. Prosecution on the merits has been closed; and the Examiner notes that, in view of the previous amendments made to independent claims 1, 7 and 8, claims 13-15 are redundant. As a result, claims 13-15 are objected to.

By this amendment, the redundant claims 13-15 are canceled.

Accordingly, it is believed the Examiner's objection has been addressed and satisfied; and this application is in condition for allowance.

An early Notice of Allowance is respectfully solicited.

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